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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON :- F. ALGAR, 8, Clement's Lune, Lombard Street. GEORGE STREET, 30, Cornhill. Gondon & Goron, Ludgate Circus, E. C. BATES, HENDY & Co., 4, Old Jewry, E.C. SAMUEL DEACON & Co., 150 & 164, Leadenhall Street. NEW YORK :-- ANDREW WIND, 188, Nas-

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND: -GORDON & GOTCH, Melbourns and Sydney. SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally :- Bran & Black, San Fran-

CHINA: -- Swatow, QUELOH & CAMPBELL, Amoy, WILSON, NICHOLLS & Co. Foochow, HEDEE & Co. Shanghai. LAME, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY & WALSH. Manila, C. HRIMSTER & Co. Macao, L. A. DA GRAGA.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

LAND, PROPERTY AND TIMBER,

ANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (unless previously disposed of by Private Sale) on the Premises at Wanchai, on

MONDAY,

the 22nd January, 1877, at Noon,-The following PIECES or PARCELS

GROUND, with the BUILDINGS!

erected thereon, belonging to Mesero S. E. BURROWS & SONS.

That PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND, Registered in the Land Office as MARINE LOT No. 107, adjoining the Police Station No. 2, at Wanchai, with the TWO First Class GRANITE GODOWNS - erected thereon, viz.:-

GODOWN No. 43, fronting on the Praya 521 feet, by an average of 73 feet Deep. Capacity about 1,300 Tons. Crown Rent, \$51 per

GODOWN No. 44, adjoining above, Two Stories, also fronting on the Praya 521 feet, by an average of 97 feet Deep. Capacity about 3,000 Tons. Crown Rent, \$69 per

Each Godown, with the Land on which it is erected, will be put up separately. \mathbf{Second} .

That PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND, Registered in the Land Office as MARINE LOT No. 121, at Wanchai, and formerly known as THE HONG-KONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COM-PANY'S YARD, fronting on the Praya 100 feet, by an average of 144 feet deep, containing 14,400 square feet. Crown Rent, \$180 per Annum.

THIRD. About 86,000 Superficial feet of ORE-GON PINE LUMBER, 2, 3 and 4 inches, in Lots to suit Purchasers.

Sundry Lots of TEAK and SINGA-TIMBER, SHIP'S KNEES, WINCHES, BLOCKS, OLD IRON, SCALES.

TERMS OF SALE :-

The LAND and GODOWNS .- One-half of the Purchase Money to be paid on the fall of the hammer, and the balance on completion of the Deed of Transfer, the expenses of which to be paid by the Purchaser, The Property to be at Purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

The TIMBER and MOVEABLE LOTS .--Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1.7. All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at Purchasers' risk on the fall of

For further Particulars, apply to LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Auctionsers. Hongkong, January 8, 1877.

For Sale.

FOR SALE. OTLER, PALMER & Co.'s Celebrated

Brands of WINES and SPIRITS. SIEMSSEN & Co.

Hongkong, June 22, 1876. S A, M HING STULTZ'S Christy's HATS, in new Styles.

New TWEEDS, in great variety. Woollen, Ootton, and Cashmere SOCKS. Cricket & Knickerbocker STOCKINGS. Lambswool UNDERSHIRTS and DRAWERS. BLANKETS and RUGS. Tapestry CARPETS, in new Patterns. Embroidered TABLE COVERS.

Rep Window CURTAINS. Damask TABLE CLOTHS, and NAP. KINS, Furniture CHINTZ. Kid & Woollen GLOVES, in all Colours, 88 & 90, QUEEN'S ROAD. Hongkong, October 27, 1876,

Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK. ING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, ... 5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND 200,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS. Chairman-E. R. Bullios, Esq. Deputy Chairman +- AD. ANDRE, Enq. S. W. POMEROY, Esq. F. CORDES, Esq. F. D. SARBOON, Esq. Hoppius, Esq. Molvan, Eaq.

ACT. CHIEF MANAGER. Hongkong, .. Thomas Jackson, Enq. Manager.

Shanghal, . Ewan Cameron, Esq. LONDON BANKEBS. - London and County Bank.

HONGKONG. INTEREST ALLOWED N Current Deposit Accounts at the rate

of 1 per cent. per annum on the dally On Fixed Deposits :-For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum. 4 per cent. ,, ,,

5 per cent. " " LOCAL BILLS DISCOURTED.

Oredits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. Drafts, granted on London, and the hief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan. T. JACKSON,

Acting Thief Manager. Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road Bast. Hongkong, November 2, 1876.

Intimations.

HONGKONG.

Chs. J. GAUPP & Co.. WATOHMAKERS & JEWELLERS. 38, Queen's Road,

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS. CHRONOMETERS.

Carefully Repaired, Cleaned and accurately rated under guarantee. All Repairs in the above line done at reasonable rates and with despatch. Hongkong, May 1, 1876.

> W. BALL, CHINA DISPENSARY.

IMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS, DRUGGISTS' SUNDRIES, TOILET

REQUISITES, PATENT MEDI-OINES AND PERFUMES. Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness. and Prompt Attention.

PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG, Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf. Hongkong, July 18, 1876.

THE Thirty-Eighth Annual MEETING of the MEDICAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY, will be Held at the House of Messrs Olyphant & Co., Canton, on TAR. Ludwig Stegmund Litkens is THURSDAY, the 18th Instant, at 11 o'Clock a.m.

FLEMMING CARROW, M.D., Secretary. SIR BROOKE ROBERTSON, C.B.,

Acting President: Canton, January 11, 1877.

LARGE MERCANTILE FIRM A ENGLAND, principally engaged in the Hardware Line, but executing Indents in all Branches of Trade, wish to meet with an energetic European Gentleman to act as Resident AGENT in Hongkong on Commission. Liberal Terms and facilities will be given, so that a good income can be made by an energetic representative. Candidate with a connection amongst the principal indenters will be preferred. Satisfactory references must be forwarded. Address in first instance to Box 129, GENE-BAL POST UPFICE, BIRMINGHAM.

TO. 1 of the "TOKIO TIMES" (A WILHELM CARL ENGELBREOHT von Weekly Journal) will be Published W. Published Tokio, June, is authorized to sign at Tokio on Saturday, January 6, 1877. Terms of Subscription: \$12 per Year. Single Copies, 25 cents. Advertisements: 50 cents per Inch or part of an inch, and \$5 per Column.

Orders received by Messis Lane, Crawyord & Co. Hougkong, January, 1877.

MACAO HOTEL, PRAYA GRANDE, MACAO,

N the 20th Instant, a First Class HOTEL will be OPENED, under MAR Interest and Responsibility in our the above title, in Spacious, Commedicus, and well-furnished Premises on the Prays ceased with his death at Yokotama on the

fort of Visitors Wines, Spirits and Estables of the best quality only supplied. Terms moderate. J. P. DE CAMPOS. Proprietor.

Macao, January 8, 1877.

intimations.

FRICKEL

ARE NOW LANDING AN INVOICE OF

GUILLE

CELEBRATED BRANDY.

This Brandy is well known in England, the Colonies, and India. The Firm possess Six Vineyards and Six Distilleries, and are amongst the largest shippers from Charente.

Qualities One *, Two **, Three ***, and Four ****, in Cases of One Dozen Quarts.

POMMERY & GRENO'S

HAMPAGNE,

in Quarts and Pints,

As supplied to the principal London Clubs.

Hongkong, January 5, 1877.

STEAMBOAT COMPANY,

LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

the Company will be held at the CITY HALL,

Victoria, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the

25th January instant, at 2 o'clock in the

afternoon, for the purpose of receiving

Report of the Directors, together with

By Order of the Board of Directors,

Bongkong, January 2, 1877.

Auditors.

Statement of the Accounts, and electing

STEAMBOAT COMBANY,

NOTICE.

the 25th Instant, both days incluve.

Hongkoug, January 2, 1877.

sign for us per Procuration.

Procuration.

Hongkong, January 1, 1877,

Hongkong, January 1, 1877.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

TAR. H. C. ERDMANN has been admitted

IVI authorized to sign our Firm per

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has been appointed

LIMITED.

P. A. DA COSTA,

Scoretary.

P. A. DA COSTA,

Secretary.

CARLOWITZ & Co.

W. PUSTAU & Co.

MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS I

ROUYER

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO

TR. FERDINAND NISSEN has been com-IVI pelled to retire from our Firm in THE Twenty-first Ordinary Half-yearly December last.

MR. NICOLAUS AUGUST SIEBS has been authorised to sign for us by Procuration. our i irm at Canton, SIEMSSEN & Co.

thongkong, January 1, 1877. NOTICE.

IHE Partnership hitherto existing between the Undersigned under the

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO by mutual consent.

Macao, January 1, 1877.

HE Transfer BOOKS of the Company THE Interest and Responsibility of will be CLOSED from the 11th to ceased from the 1st April 1876.

GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT.

IVI a Partner in our Firm, and Mr. ALFRED, HERTZ has been authorized to fe2 Firm Ceased on the 28th February 1876. DEACON & Co.

THE Partnership hitherto existing between the Undersigned under used for the Liquidation only,

SURVEYOR to LLOYDS REGISTER R H. CAIRNS. 1, Club Chambers, Hongkong, April 20, 1876.

NOTICE. THE BUSINESS of the Undersigned will henceforth be carried on under the Name or Style of H. Kink & Co.

H. KIÆR. Hongkong, January 1, 1877. NOTICE.

TR. WILHELM CARL ENGELBREUHT VON W. PUSTAU & Co. Hongkong, December 23, 1876.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY. ON and after the 16th day of November. 1876, and until further notice, the BUSINESS of the above-named DISPEN-

SARY will be carried on by the Under-WM. CRUICKSHANK, Manager. Hongkong, November 21, 1876.

I Firm of the late Mr J. C. KRUSE 27th of August last, and the Business will Every attention will be paid to the com- be carried on as heretofore and under the same Style and Firm by our Mr H. Kutt-

> Mr. RICHARD COHONDERGER has been anthorised to sign the Firm. KRUSE & Co. Hongkong, January 1, 1877.

Notices of Firms

NOTICE.

consequence of falling health, and his interest and responsibility ceased on the 31st

We have this day reopened a branch of

Firm of G. RAYNAL & Co. at this Port, has this day been dissolved GUSTAV RAYNAL,

CARL MILISOH.

NOTICE.

VISCOUNT DO CERCAL in our Firm A. A. DE MELLO & Co. Macao, January 1, 1877.

HAVE this day Established myself at this Port under my own name as

O. KEES, Canton, January 9, 1877.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the late Mr. ALTRED HUTCHISON in our

Canton, January 1, 1877.

name of MESTERN & Hulse has this day been dissolved by lapse of time, and the signature of the Firm will henceforth be O. J. MESTERN. W. HULSE.

Canton, December 81, 1876.

NOTICE.

HE Interest and Responsibility of Mr quick despatch. CHARLES BEWICK QUELCH in our Firm Ceased on the 80th September, 1876. The Business will be Continued under the Style of CAMPHELL & Co.

QUELCH & CAMPBELL. Swatow, January 1, 1877.

THE Firm of J. D. MEYER & FEHRS will from this Date be carried on as heretofore under the Style of J. D. MEYER & Co. Swatow, January 1, 1877.

Steamors.

NOTICE. COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES. PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship Conida De Girard, will be despatched for YOKOHAMA on SATURDAY, the 13th Inst., at 10 a.m. H. DU POUEY,

Steamers.

Shipping.

NOTIOE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES. PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship Comdt. HERNANDEZ, will be despatched for SHANGHAI on SATURDAY, the 13th Inst., at Noon. H, DU POUEY,

Hongkong, January 11, 1877. FOR SWATOW, AMOY, TAMSUI AND TAIWANFOO. The Steamship

"HAILOONG." Oaptain ABBOTT, will be deon SATURDAY, the 18th Instant, at Noon. For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, January 9, 1877. FOR COOKTOWN AND SYDNEY, (Taking through Cargo for MELBOURNE.) The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer "SINGAPORE"

will be despatched as above on MUNDAY, the 15th Instant, at Noon, For Breight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co. Hongkong, January 6, 1877.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL, Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG. The Steamship Captain Möller, will be despatched as above on or about

the 18th Instant. For Freight, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, January 4, 1877. FOR COOKTOWN, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

The Eastern and Australian Mall Steam Co.'s Steamer "SOMERSET" will be despatched as above, rom SINGAPORE, on or about the 4th February next. For Freight or Passage, apply to the fe2 Undersigned, who are prepared to gran

through Bills of Lading. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,

Sailing Vessels.

Hongkong, January 10, 1877.

FOR LONDON. (If sufficient Inducement offers.) The 3/3 L. 1. 1. Russian Ship "VANADIS," WEKLAND, Master, will load here and have quick despatch

For Freight, Sugar or Measurement, VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, January 6, 1877. FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 American Ship "CUTWATER,

CREELMAN, Master, will load here and will have quick despatch as above. For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, January 2, 1877. FOR HAMBURG. The A 1 Danish Bark Captain Normer, will load here Whampoa, and will have E "FANO,"

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, December 2, 1876.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO. The A 1 British Bark "TOKATEA, G. Hafintson, Master, will have quick despatch as above. For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, November 25, 1876. FOR NEW YORK The A 1 British Bark will load here for the above Port, and will have quick

despatch. For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, November 15, 1876.

FOR MANILA. The Spanish Brig Pico, Master, will have quick despatch for the above Port. For Freight or Passage, apply to REMEDIOS & Co.

Shipping.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO. The A 1 American Barque " ANTIOCH," THOMAS MERRILL, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have early

despatch.
For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co

Hongkong, January 8, 1877. FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 British Clipper Barque

CAIN, Master, will load here and at Whampon for the above Port, and meet with early despatch. For Proight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, January 5, 1877. FOR LONDON. The A 1 British Ship ENGLAND'S GLORY."

KNIGHT, Master, will load here and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

Hongkong, January 2, 1877.

Notices to Consignees FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND

MEYER & Co.

SINGAPORE, THE Steamship Arratoon Angar, Captain MACTAVISH, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are ja15 hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature to the Undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees risk and expense. DAVID BASSOON, SONS & Co., Hongkong, January 8, 1877.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE. THE S. S. Penguin having arrived from the above Ports, Consigness of General Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed by the Undersigned into their Godowns at Consignees' risk.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 16th Instant will be subject to rent. Opinia is deliverable from on Board. No Fire Insurance has been effected. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co. Hongkong, January 10, 1877.

MANILA. MONSIGNEES of Cargo per above Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored by

S. S. ESMERALDA, FROM

the Undersigned in his Godown at their No Fire Insurance has been effected. A. MAGG. HEATON,

Hongkong, December 25, 1876. COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

Agent.

MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. B. "Gange," from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on. unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before 5 p.m. To-DAY, requesting it to be landed here. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after Faipay, the 19th January, at Noon, will be

subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DU POUEY. Hongkong, January 11, 1877. COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

MARITIMES, ROTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

MONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for counter. signature, and take immediate delivery This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense. No Fire Insurance has been effected R. DU POURY.

Ex Tanais, December 11th, 1578. OF No. 786/48 == 18 cases Curles. Ez Sindh, December 14th, 1878. VH & O 642...... 1

B&H DR No. N (in diam.) 24 cases Sundeles. 10 bundles Copper

Ex Traduaddy, N (in diam.) No. 814 One cask Chalk.

5/8 4 cases Coppes Sheeting.

Intimations.

THE MEDICAL HALL. 87. Queen's Road, Hongkong. ESTABLISHED 1853. TH. KOFFER, Proprietor. Hongkong, April 28, 1876.

AFONG. PHOTOGRAPHER,

by appointment, to H.E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY, GOVERNOR OF HONGRONG:

H. L. H. THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS. OF RUSSIA,

Wyndham Street, formerly ATHLETIC CLUB, TAS on hand the Largest and Best collection of Views of China, Photographic Albums, Frames, Cases, &c., of assorted sizes, Photographs enlarged from C. D. V. also to life size and coloured in oil. A new apparatus for Photography has been received from England: he is prepared to take Photos, of Buildings and Interiors at the shortest distance. Hongkong, July 17, 1876.

NOW READY.

"THE FOLK-LORE OF CHINA," AND ITS AFFINITIES WITH THAT OF THE ARYAN AND SEMITIO BACES. By N. B. DENNYS, PH.D.

"Instructive and amusing enough to command a ready sale."—Dawy Fress: For Sale by

Messrs Lanz, Chawford & Co.; LAMMERT, ATKINSON & Co.; FALCONER & Co.; McEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.; GAUPL & Co., and KRUSE & Co., Or can be had of the Author, at the Cirr HALL, Hongkong.

... TRUBNER & Co. Messes Kelly & Walsh.

Price:-Half Bound Roan,....... \$2.00 Hongkong, December 18, 1876.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAL The Steamship

"OHINKIANG," Jas. Hogg, Master, will be despatched for the above Port on MONDAY, the 15th Instant, at 2 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to STEMSBEN & Co.

Hongkong, January 12, 1877. FOR SWATOW. AMOY & FOOCHOW. The Steamship Captain Punchard, will be

dospatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 17th Instant, at Daylight. For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIR & Co.

Hongkong, January 12, 1877. FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA,

The Steamship Capt. A. B. MacTavise, will on THURSDAY, the 18th Inst., at 3 p.m. Despatches will close at 2.30 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Hongkong, January 12, 1877.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Meither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour :-

VESTA, German barque, Capt. R. Dirks. -Melchers & Co.

MADAME DEMOREST, British barque, Captain C. H. Bessit, -Gibb, Livingston

BEETHOVEN, German barque, Captain R. Haje. - Melchers & Co. BRIDGETOWN, British barque, Captain

E. W. Crisp.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co. FLYING CLOUD, British barque, Captain H. Williams.—Turner & Co. IRENE, German schooner, Captain O

Hansen - Carlowitz & Co. HANTS COUNTY, British barque, Captain G. W. Cochran -Meyer & Co.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS. Jan. 12. Killarney, British steamer, 1060, O'Neill, Hiogo Jan. 6, Ballast, -ORDER. Jan. 12, Conquest, British steamer, 317, G. C. Anderson, Hothow Jan. 10, General. -Kwong-lee-yuen.

Jan. 12, Olympia, German steamer, 777, F. Nagel, Holhow Jan. 11, General,-BIEMESBE & Co. Jan. 12, Estepona, British steamer, 678, Hubback, Saigon Jan. 4, Rice. -- MELCHERS

DEPARTURES. - Jan, 12. Tehing Tsing, for a Cruiss. 12. Deutschland, for Guam, 12. Vesta, for Whampoa. 12. Fontenave, for Iloilo. Yangtese, for Swatow & Shanghai.

CLEARED. Mount Washington, for Ilolla. - Tokatsa, for San Francisco. Ouba, for London. Hants County, for London. Gloucester, for Dunedin, N.Z. Halloong, for Swatow. J. H. Love, for Callac. Tullochgorum, for Haiphong. Cheang Hock Kiatt, for Singapore and Penang.

> PASSENGERS. ABBIVED.

Per Killerney, from Hiogo, ? Chinese. Per Conquest, from Holhow, 115 Chi-Bese deok. Per Olympia, from Holhow, 1 European and 64 Chinese. Per Estepona, from Salgon, 42 Chiffess. DEPARTED. Yangtsie, for Shanghai, Mesars

Beaver, Diroks, Stewart, and Hudson, TO DEPART. Per Glaucester, for Dunedin, N.Z., 1 Enropean, and 191 Uhingsa,

PASSENGERS. Per Hailoong, for Swatow, 100 Chinese. Per J. H. Love, for Callao, 3 Europeans. Per Tullochgorum, for Haiphong, 20

Chinese. Per Cheang Hock Kian, for Singapore and Penang, 662 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS. The British steamer Killarney reports: Moderate monsoon during the passage. The British steamer Conquest reports: Fresh monsoon and head see with fine weather outside.

The German steamer Olympia reports: Had fresh N.E. wind up to this port. The British steamer Estepona reports : Left Cape St. James at midnight of the 4th instant, and experienced strong N.E. gales with high sea. On the night of the 6th had wild dirty weather with heavy squalls, so anchored under Corea Island. Weighed again at daylight of the 7th, and from thence to port strong monsoon and high

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:-For SINGAPORE & PENANG .-Per CHEANG HOOK KIAN, at 7.80 a.m. To-morrow, the 13th inst., instead of as previously notified. For YOKOHAMA.—

Per TIBRE, at 9.80 a.m., on Saturday, the 13th inst For SHANGHAL.

Per AVA, at 11 a.m., on Saturday, the 13th inst. Late letters received from 11.10 to 11.30. FOR SWATOW, AMOY, TAMSUI, AND

TAIWAN .--Per HAILOONG, at 11.80 amen Tomorrow, the 13th inst. For HAIPHONG .-

Per Schooner SYRINGA, at 0.80 p.m. To-morrow, the 18th inst., instead of as previously notified. For MANILA .-

Per barque FERDINAND, at 11.80 a.m., on Monday, the 15th inst. For COOKTOWN AND SYDNEY .-Per SINGAPORE, at 11.80 a.m., on Monday, the 15th inst. Mails will

also be closed for other ports of E. Australia, New Zealand, and Tasmania, 8 cents rates. For BHANGHAL -

Per CHINKIANG, at 1.30 p.m., on Monday, the 15th inst. For SINGAPORE, PENANG & CAL. OUTTA,--

Per ARRATOON APCAR, at 2.80 p.m., on Thursday, the 18th inst. For BANGKOK .--Per DANUBE, at 5 p.m., on Thursday,

the 18th inst. MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET. The United States Mail Packet OITY OF TOKIO, will be despatched on MON-

DAY, the 15th Instant, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, the United States, and London, which will be closed as follows :-2 r.M. Registry of Letters ceases.

2,30 P.M. Post-Office closes. 2.30 P.M. Correspondence may be posted on board the Packet with Late

Fee of 12 cents extra Postage 2.50 P.M. when the Mail is finally closed. Correspondence must be specially directed for this route, and if not fully prepaid

will be sent by British Packet, Letters, &c. can be posted for Canada, the st 7.55 p.m. West Indies, and other places named below, if sufficient American Stamps are added to prepay them from Ban Francisco to destination. American Stamps are sold at this Office.

General Post Office. Hongkong, January 8, 1877.

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET. The English Contract Packet GEELONG. will be despatched with the Mails

for Europe, &c., on THURSDAY, the 18th Inst The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c. :-Wednesday, January 17th .-

5 P.M., Money Order Office closes, 6 P.M., Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night. Thursday, January 18th,-

7 A.M., Post Office opens for of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence. 10 A.M., Post Office closes except for Late Letters. Registry of Letters ceases. 10.15 A.M., Letters may be posted with

LATE FOR of 18 cents extra Postage till 11 A.M., when the Post Office CLOSES

(11.30 A.M., Letters (but Letters only)

addressed to the United Kingdom Via Brindisi or to Singapore may be posted on board the Packet with

Hongkong, January 6, 1877.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET. The French Contract Packet MEIKONG. will be despatched on THURS. DAY, the 28th Instant, with Mails to and through the United

-Kingdom and Europe, vid Marstilles to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Galle, Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji, Aden, Seychelles, Reugion, Mauritius, Suez, and Alexandria. Ceylon must be prevaid. Such letters should be marked Paid to Galls only !

they will go on from Galle as unpaid. The following will be the hours of closing the Malle, &c. :

Wednesday, 24th Inst. S P.M. Money Order Office closes, Post Office closes except the Nicht Box. which remains open all night, Thursday, 26th Inst.

7 A.M., Post Office opens for sale Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondences 10 A.M., Registry of Lutters ceased.
11 A.M., Post Office closes except for Late

addressed to the United Kingdom, Saigon, or Singapore may be posted on payment of a Late Fcoof 18 cents extra postage, until

11.30 A.M., when the Post Office Choans

Hongkong, January 11, 1679.

General Memoranda.

MONDAY, January 15:-Noon.—Singapore leaves for Cooktown and Sydney. 2 p.m.—Chinkiang leaves for Shanghai. 8 p.m. - American Mail leaves for Yoko-

hama and San Francisco. 9 p.m.-Meeting of Zetland Lodge, TUESDAY, January 16:--Goods per Penguin undelivered after this

date subject to rent. WEDNESDAY, January 17:-Daylight. - Yesso leaves for Swatow,

Amoy and Foochow. THUESDAY, January 18:-11 a.m. - Meeting of the Medical Mis-

sionary Society, at Mesars Olyphant & Co.'s office, Canton. Noons-English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe. Sp.m.—Arratoon Apcar Ares for Singa-pore, Penang and Calcusta. Altona leaves for London on or about this

BRIDAY, January 19:-Noon. -General Weekly Sale by Messre Lane, Crawford & Co. Goods per Ana undelivered after Noon,

subject to rent and landing charges. MONDAY, January 22:-Noon.—Sa'e of Ground, Timber, &c., at Wanchai

THURSDAY, January 25:-2 p.m. - Meeting of Shareholders of the H., C. & M. Steamboat Co., Limited, at City Hall.

THURSDAY, February 1:-3 p.m. -- Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co. a Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW. Shipping.

10 a.m. - Tibre leaves for Yokohama. Noon .- Ava leaves for Shanghal. Noon. - Hailoong leaves for Swatow, Amoy, Tamuul and Taiwanfoo.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, JAN. 12, 1877.

L'Independant de Saigon says that in

settling her accounts for the year which has just closed, Saigon can add to her liquidation of capital the great and small commercial houses which have closed during the twelve months and disappeared from the place. There can be reckoned among them two chief houses, one of the first rank and the other a foreign firm. One of the causes, and unfortunately the principal, of the decrease of the business and trade of the Colony is the disappearance of sailing vessels from the trade, but there are other causes. Among these should be placed, first of all, the sale of objects of merchandise of al kinds by people from the vessels the Messageries Company-immense in jury being thus occasioned to the local These interloping and entirely transactions increase each year regularly and constantly, and will continue to do so, unless a stop is put to Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage, them, until the establishments in the Colony are compelled to close and the merchants to go elsewhere. The passage ja18 boat of the Company finds itself transformed into a veritable fair where one can freely buy shirts, linen, hate, umbrellas, perfumery, cheese, oil, edibles of every kind, and at much better prices than in the town. This can be very easily understood. These lucky salesmen can transact their business without incurring the expense of freight, packing-up, embarkation, insurance, rent, Magistrate at Canton. In the days of the liesase, or the least impost. They are | Thirteen Factories, there was such an Letters may also be forwarded to Inbia also nourished, and lodged, and to all by this Packet, but can be paid only these advantages may be added the fact as far as Ceylon. The postage to that they can, possibly, procure their goods at much better rates than those at which they can be obtained by the most skilful merchant. The wholesale as well as the retail trade suffers from these operations, and the houses which import regularly tes theffiselves abandoned by customers, and their business upset; through the quantities of merchandise thus placed on sale out of the regular course, and disposed of to both consumers and small been dedicated to public uses metéhants: Complainte linve often been made on the matter:

> for private persons, foreigners and Japanese, both of gold and silver bullion formed no inconsiderable portion of the 1698 Mint's work i in gold more than 10,000

ounces were coined for private persons while only a little more than 9,000 ounces were coined for the Government. The total output from the Mint of all kinds of coins during the year was to the value of over three millions of yen. The gold pieces were principally five ven; in silver there was only about 10,000 trade dollars, the balance being subsidiary ailver coins, especially ten sen pieces which were struck to the value of over a million yen, and copper coin. The ailver yen has been entirely superseded since March 1875, when the Japanese trade dollar was made equal to the American in weight, viz. 420 grains. The copper coin, from two sen downwards to one rin, was turned out at the rate of 100 000 per month. It will be seen from this that the activity of the Mint during the year was principally directed to supplying the country with fractional silver coin and copper ourrency. The total coinage during the previous eleven months was to the value yen 3,290,000, viz., gold 1,273,000 silver 1,330,000 and copper 693,000, The returns of the Mint for the four years commencing from 1872, altogether show a considerable yearly decrease in the coinage of gold, while there is a constant increase in the production of copper coin. In his report for the year 1873-74 Major Kinder stated that the place would not pay, and there was no progold coin in circulation at that time tection. They hoped the Chinese Governamounted to yen 14 per head of the entire population, or about 50 millions, and that he considered sufficient for the wants of the country. The Osaka Mint is equipped with twelve first class English coining presses, and thirty-seven melting furnaces, and a sulphurlo and nitric acid manufactory. The mint makes its own tools, cuts its own dies, and performs the usual bullion, assaying, refining and analyzing business of a min in other countries. Three hundred and eighty natives and several Englishmen are employed in it. Japanese prejudices are against the idea of stamping the Mikado's image on their own coins.

It is to be hoped that the new Governo of Macao wilk not only be successful in his efforts to resuscitate the trade of that Colony, but will also succeed in rendering property and perhaps life a little more secure there. We now and then hear of Italian brigands capturing some unlucky English tourist in some out-of the-way locality, and demanding a heavy ransom for his release, but such feats will scarcely bear comparison with the one recently enacted at Macao where some Chinese brigands or burglars, we hardly know which to term them, violently entered and ransacked a house, and abducted several members of the family, a ransom being demanded and absolutely paid for their restoration. A more daring enterprise could scarcely have been undertaken, and what all the Macaense, their gallant defenders and guardians of the peace, were doing, it is somewhat difficult to conceive. It will have been observed from our police reports that the Chinese, suspented of having been concerned in the affair, and apprehended in this Colony, was discharged a few d ago, because the prosecutor was afraid prosecute for fear of his house being again attacked, and had laid an information before the Magistrate to that effect We are glad, however, to learn to-day that the rendition of the man has been applied for by the Chinese authorities, but whether this application has anything to do with the affair at Macao does not appear very clear.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE Ichang, the opposition steamer on the Canton River, is now in dock undergoing repairs to her machinery. Her sudden absence on the line without any intimation whatever has led many Chinese to believe that she has been beaten off and that "! Koo" has consequently "lost face." believe, however, that she will resume her opposition when she is in order.

Ir is a noteworthy fact that the ships Antioch Wm. Phillips, Colombo, and Vidal, as well as the Tejo (Portuguese gun-boat), are being repaired at the Patent Slip and Dock Co. West Point! while the same Company have two small steamers under construction for the Chinese Authorities. This branch business does not appear to share the duiness which is apparent in other departments of

An interesting suit as to rights of property is now going on in the Court of the Number Chinese Hong merchants, Since the destrustion of the Factories, the site of the Congsoo has been converted into a landing place, built by the inhabitants in the neighbourhood. The descendants of some of the ite strains of "Comin' thro' the Rye," Hong merchants now seek to build houses on the wharf, claiming the ground as theirs from hereditary right: The shopkespers on the other hand contest that the ground has

WE hear that the rendition of the pritoner charged with burglary and 711.10 A.M., Letters (but Letters only) Front the report of the Commissioner of duction at Masso has been applied for ending June last it seems that the coinage femembered that the prosecutor was afraid to press the charge against him, for fest of his family being seepardized at the hands tertainments, who sang Cherry's "Will-o'. of the prisoner's comesdes; and the Manier

trate was obliged to let him out on security. When his rendition was applied for, the surety was made to produce him, and he is now on remand in gaol, pending the pleasure of His Excellency the Governor. application, but if it be for the burglary, a question as to the sovereignty over Macao or rather over the particular village where the offence occurred, may be raised.

THE Chinese in the Sandwich Islands have recently addressed a letter to the leading Chinese here, requesting them to inform the Chinese that the influx of Chinamen there was by far in excess of the requirements, so that many could not find employment; that those in employment were not sufficiently paid, some receiving \$8 and others \$9 a month; that the Chinese there were illtreated by the task masters; that there were smoking divans; and gambling establishments wherein the coolies could squander away their hard-earned money; that living was dear, particularly opium, a dollar's worth of which would be only the weight of a mace or so. The writers begged that no more Chinamen should go there, as the ment would send a Consul there soon

CHORAL SOUIETY'S CONCERT.

Some allowance, we presume, must be

made for the festivities of the New Year season; but it is to be regretted that the interest taken in the efforts of our Amateur musicians should not be sufficient to fill St. Andrew's Hall better than it was last night. There was little more than half a house ; but the enthusiasm of those present made up for the presence of so many empty chairs. Probably owing to the same reason, the platform did not seem to be so high hopes on the orchestral part of the labour.

fully occupied as on former occasions. deed, when the instrumentalists filed in and took their seats, we did not build very evening's proceedings. It must, however, be stated that the concert on the whole was a success, and that the instrumental was probably less open to criticism than the vocal efforts; and it must be borne in mind that, whatever may be said by way friendly fault-finding, there is no apparent falling off in the display of ability and power on the part of our gifted Amateurs, and no reason why they should not command the fullest support and warmest encouragement The entertainment opened with Auber's overture "Crown Diamonds," and it was soon evident that the string band played well together I the leading violin was fine trim, the piano was in tried hands,

while the accessories kept good time, and Mr Hürst appeared to have them all well in hand. As a conductor Mr Hurst is possibly a little too demonstrative when fully possessed with the spirit of the piece before him; but we fear he is too much of a veteran in the profession, and has earned too many laurels, to listen to the hints of amateurs like ourselves. Be this as it may, the audience settled down for an enjoyable evening so soon as the orchestra had thus inspired confidence. "Galatea dry thy tears, Acis now a god appears," was well sung, though, being the opening chorus, a little unsteady at first, and it was the opinion of some that the trebles were not in full strength; as this, however, told in favour of the altos in other pieces, it was not so much to be regretted. In the recitative and air for bass from Hadyn's "Creation" a well-known and popular amateur showed himself to be in excellent voice, and was well received. Hatton's "Sailor's Song" is not a very striking part song, being to our ears some what monotonous, but the forte parts were well brought out, especially by the bass. The concluding piece of the first part of the programme was the favourite trio and chorus "The Heavens are telling," faced on this occasion by a clear, wellenunciated rendering of "In splendour bright." There was something unsatisfactory about the trio at first, but it improved as it proceeded; and all imperfectio is were forgotten as the magnificent chorus was taken up, thus giving an admirable

finish to Part the first.

pianoforte, violin, and violoncello (Hummel) ; and as this was undertaken by three gentlemen whose ability has been for years an accepted fact, its execution need not be characterised. A difference of opinion having been arranged sotto wore at the start, about the time, the music went on to the end without fault, and the instrumentalists were heartily applauded. The entertainments of the Ohoral Society are famous for their surprises, and last evening was not without Its pleasant exhibition of this peculiarity. in accordance with Choral etiquette; but none the less cordial. "The Lover and to bail in 8200; the Bird" was the song selected, and by the time the first verse was sung the audienc could not be restrained t at the end of the song the applause reminded us of the more hearty days of Hongkong, and the fair songetress was constrained to respond to the ensore. So soon as the planoforte accompaniment discovered the favourthere was another burst of welcome ; and at the close of this sweet ditty, the applause was most enthusiastic. These two judgment to-day :-songs were amng with a sweetness which is "Sleep, while the soft evening breezes blowing : " after which came a new contributor to the enjoyability of those pleasurable enthe Wisp." The gentleman who undertook

this fine bass song is gifted with a very rich and powerful voice, which deserves more thorough cultivation, and if he would only bestow a little more care on his articulation, he would undoubtedly achieve a succ as equal to any yet reaped in the circles of this Colony. A solo on the violoncello are not aware of the precise nature of the (Andante from 2nd Concerto, Goltermann) was encored as a matter of course, and responded to by a piece which has charmed our ears once before. "Sir Knight, Sir Knight " (part song) was sung very effectively and steadily, and its warm reception strengthened the impression that a strong feeling in favour of the ballad was prevalent amongst the listeners last evening. The concluding overture, La Cenerentola (Rossini) was played straight through without a single hitch .; and as the National Anthem was given, there could have been but one opinion of the success of the entertainment as a whole, and a general regret at the comparatively poor attendance.

OPIUM SALES.

TO BE HELD IN 1877. Behar Benares Total chests. chests. chests. 1st Sale Tu. Jan. 9, 2.085 1.915 4,000 2nd , Mo. Feb. 5, 2,085 1,915 4,000 3rd ., Mo. Mar. 5, 2,085 1,915 4,000 , Fr. Apr. 6, 2,085 1,915 4,000 5th . Th. May 3, 2,085 1,915 4,000 Mo. June 4, 2 085 Wd. July 4, 2,085 1,915 4.0 0 Th. Aug. 2, 2,085 1,915 4,000 Wd. Sept. 5, 2,080 1 920 Och , Wd. Oct. 8, 2,080 1,920 4,000 11th . Fr. Nov. 2, 2,080 1,920 12th ,, Mo. Dec. 3, 2,080 1,920 4,000

25,000 28,000 48,000

Police Intelligence. (Before the Hon. O. May.) January 12, 1877.

Man Sing Chung, a butcher, was charged with assaulting one Leong Aheung, a married woman residing at First Street, Saiying-poon; The complainant stated that she was walking in the street, when the defendant patted her on the head. She remonstrated and told the defendant that he ought to be ashamed of himself. The defendant thereupon struck her and kicked her. She called for Police and the defendant was arrested. The defendant claimed previous acquaintance with the complainant, and pleaded that he drank too much and did not know that he had struck the complainant, Fined \$5, or 10 days' hard

MORE ASSAULT.

P. C. No. 26, Moggoridge, was summoned by Fung Aman, coolie to Mr Degenaer, for an assault. The defendant was on special duty at the Canton Steamer Wharf, and complainant went there by order of his master yesterday morning to get a box containing money from the steamer. He was told to wait and was standing on the wharf. The defendant was sending people off the wharf and told complainant to leave too. He shewed him a piece of paper, as much as to tell him that he had business there. The defendant insisted, however, that he should leave and struck him with a cane which he had in his hand. - The defendant stated that owing to the steamer Ichang being under repairs now, the rush to the steamer was very great, although the proper number of tickets had been issued. The Captain, the wharfinger and the defendant had great difficulty in preventing this. He had a cane in his hand, but he was not sware that he had struck the complainant. - The Magistrate gave the defendant a severe lecture on the impropriety of a Policeman arming himself with a cane instead of a staff, and fined the defendant \$1.

Four servants to Mr J. L. de Alves clerk in the Harbour Master's department. were charged with robbing their employer of a quantity of household articles, such as glass ware, knives, plated-ware, vasta bronze statuettes and table linen, and twike furniture dealers in Wellington Spires named Ow Atak and Fok Akan charged with receiving the same. peared that the complainant went out dine and did not return home till midnight This morning it was reported to him that the house had been entered by thieves overnight, and that property to the extent about \$200 was stolen. As there appeared to be no forcible entry, he suspected that? the servants were in collusion with the thieves and had them arrested. The come plainant then went out to make enquiries: He went to a furnitum dealer's shop for Wellington Street and told the shopkesper that he had lost things, and that if any or should come to him with such things as ha described for sale, he was to take the many into custody. As he was speaking, a man-The second part opened with a trio for came with a basket of things, and Ow Atak told the man in an under-tone to take it to the next shop. The complainant followed the man to the next shop kept by one Fok Akam, and when the cloth cover was re-

moved, the basket was discovered to contain the articles the complainant had lost. While the discussion was going on about how the man came to be possessed of the things, Ow Atak came. Both he and Fok Akam, the keeper of the second shop, were taken into custody. The carrier said he was sent by Wing Kee, a watchmaker, to take the articles to this shop. The It was not mentioned on the programme, Magistrate remanded the case till Monday next, in order that Wing Kee might be when the lady appeared, her reception was found. The 6th defendant was admitted

SUPREME COURT. IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION. (Before His Lordship Chief Justics Sir John Emale.) Jan. 12, 1877.

Lembko v. The Oriental Bank Corporation. His Lordship delivered the following

I have given to this somewhat peculiar rarely met with, and the hearty manner in case, which I heard without the assistante ; which they were received would appear to of a Jury on the 18th and 20th of December be a prognostication of the success of more last, my best attention. I feel satisficti purely ballad concerts. Miss Ancoinette that no further consideration of it would Stirling was the last singer whom we heard be useful. I now therefore give my decido fustice to the simple but sweet Shotch clon. The plaintiff in this case is a merair referred to, and the rendering of last chant in this Colony. The defendants are night was not much, if any, inferior to that a Corporation having their Chief Banking of the popular congetress of the metropolis. Establishment in London and a branch in the Japanese Imperial Mint for the year by the Chinese Government: It may be This was followed by Bishop's part sing this Colony. Mesars Im Thurin & Co. then a well-known mercantile firm in Loud don, gave to the plaintiff on 26th February, 1874, a Letter of Credit to the amount of \$5,000 to be availed of against consigned ments of produce to their address in plain:

tiff's drafts at six months' sig' documents to accompar drafts" in usual form v just stated. The plair Arew a draft on Mesars Im Thurm 1 July 1874 at 6 mon' own order, adding the same to acc .. i diam P. and O. the day of its date for purwas offere chase by Bank here. He left the bill lefend~

115 y to your Corporation as above. Lou. ubedient servant, J. Lembre." indor da notice of the draft against the credit on the letter of credit and returned it to the plaintiff, and the plaintiff duly reprecisely similar letter of hypothecation. The transaction being mutatis mutandis same as the first. The defendants' socuments to their manager in London. Sch occasion he presented the drafts to thurm & Co., who accepted the drafts exchange the defendants delivered Bill of Lading of the musk to them. Thurm & Uo. sold the goods and and the proceeds and credited plain-Borewith in account and subsequently The Bills having at maturity se dishonoured the defendants applied plaintiff for payment, but he denied responsibility; howeve | under protest he id the two sums for which the Bills had been drawn to the assendants. The landiff has subsequently received from the cooptor's estate £226, bs. Od. on account of these two amounts. He paid the full amount of their Bills to the defendants and by this Bill he claims to be recomped by the defendants the difference th interest to the amount of £775, 16s. 7d. The correctness of this sum is not dis-

to said firm of Im Thurm & Co. the defendants in each case acted without the knowledge or authority of the plaintiff and in breach of the terms of the Letter of Hypothecation relating to the said documents respectively." In answer to this charge the defendants allege "that in delivering the said shipping documents to the said firm of Im Thurm & Co. they acted as agents for the plaintiff and within the scope of the authority given to them by him, and they say that whether the plaintiff had actual knowledge or not at the precise time or day of delivery yet he had such constructive knowledge as to such delivery as gives the defendants a good defence both in Law and in Equity." In expressly preserving the right which has hearing the case I had to exercise the func- | been in fact exercised by the defendants | tions of both Judge and Jury. It was heard on the 19th and 20th of Dec. last. In addition to the facts and circumstances above stated, evidence to the purport following was then given. The plaintiff's correspondents and Attornes in Hamburg in a Letter dated 26th April 1875, to the plaintiff in London, referred to a previous correspondence and said "if we are not mistaken this Letter of Hypothecation expressly rejected, differing herein from a will in stipulates that the documents shall not be given up to the Drawees unless they pay the amount of the bill beforehand. Your Bank gave up the Documents to Im Thurm & Co. upon your Bank's sole reponsibility." I do not so read the Letter of Hypothecation. It authorizes " but not to as to make it imperative" this and other dealings with the Billo, and the last clause "Lastly &c." which I have already read gears to me upon the construction of the tence to preserve in every event recourse of the defendants to the plain. i.if An answer to this letter was sent by the defendants' Chief Manager in London on the 28th of the same month to the

shipping important) part of this Letter reads thus to the effect I will state. I saw no reason "Referring to your Letter of the 26th The variation instant we find that the Bills referred to were drawn under Mesars Im dated 30th Thurm & Co.'s credit of 26th February, ght for £525 to his 1874, which stipulates for the documents to words "and place be given up on acceptance, and the Bills of of your letter of credit Lading having been hypothecated against 1874 and shipment payment of the drafts a reference to Hong-No. 2 1 case musk per kong for confirmation of our act in giving aship Malwa." This draft up the cover on acceptance became necessary and was we believe promptly obtained." Broker for the plaintiff at the This is an error, no confirmation was ever obtained so far as appears. The plaintiff's f of credit and a Bill of Lading of agents in Hamburg replying on the 1st with their Manager here, who on the May reiterate their repudiation of obligaday sent a memorandum to the plain- | tion to pay, and as the Bank's claim is "at rect in these words. "In connection | the best doubtful" he proposes a settlement your draft for £525 we require lusur- by arbitration and refers to business trans-Letters and Letter of Hypothecation, actions with the Bank without disagreement of which in duplicate we herewith since 1861. This letter was answered on rd to be filled, signed and returned, the 6th May, but without even a reference we will pass proceeds to your creditand to the offer of arbitration. In April and letter of credit in due course." The May 1875 the defendants applied to the If filled in and signed such Letter of | plaintiff in Hongkong for payment of the two hecation dated also 30th July 1874 and Bills, and the plaintiff denied his liability, d it to the defendants on the same but paid the amounts under protest his Letter is the usual printed form of | making the payments solely for the purpose jecation required by the defendants. of preventing the defendants harassing s date the 30th July; 1874 (the date him with proceedings under circumstances draft). Its contents so far as they which might compromise the credit of any prortant are as follows :- "Hong- firms with very abundant capital. 30th July, 1874.—Having this plaintiff paid the sums under the stringent gotiated to you one Bill of Exchange pressure of the peculiar circumstances, and by me on Messra J. C. Im Thurm it seems to me that he is entitled to be of London the particulars of which treated as if he were a defendant in this oted at foot; and having at the same suit, which under ordinary circumstances handed to you as collateral securities he would be. I have stated the issue which e due payment of the said Bills the the parties have raised on the pleadings. of Lading and shipping documents of The questions resolve themselves into nent is understood to be as follows: parties before and at the time of the tran- Mr Justice Taunton says, "Mercantile witness went to shew that this preferential characteristic in this respect that the idea working expenses due directly to the traffic, porise the Oriental Bank Corporation sactions, or their acts or admissions after instruments have long been expounded clause was customary in charters made in of occupation has been brought forward including 150,998%, for repairs of ships, Manager or Agent thereof (but not | wards, aid the interpretation of these doto make it imperative—a proviso cuments. 2nd.—Was it the intention of merchants." Of these three witnesses, Mr to signify that the consignee of the inward within the last few days; and, if i am not the charges of 125,610% for general admiattaches to each subsiquent clause) the parties to be derived from the words jure the above goods from sea risk. | they used that the defendants should have hereby authorise the said Corpora- as against the plaintiff the benefit of the and the holders of the above Bills letter of credit, and also of the letter of he time being to take conditional hypothecation, and can the two documents to take the acceptance, and stuck to the put on charter parties of a similar nature, stances to all or any of such Bills be so construed as to be capable of being he effect that on payment thereof consistent, . 3rd. -Or, if the two documents aturity, the above mentioned Bills of cannot stand together, which must prevail, q and Shipping Documents shall be The circumstances of the case take it out of day. There were three other bank man- the first draft of the charter presented to step. ed to the Drawers or Acceptors precedent and render it anomalous, as it agers in Hongkong and other competent bim, the words "consigned inwards and Lord Salisbury left Vienna on the afterand such authorisation on my part | was called at the bar, but it seems to me taken to extend to cases of accept- that there are institutes of interpretation honour. I further authorize the and rules of construction which may give Bank Corporation or any Manager us light in construing these documents. It thereof on default being made in | will be convenient to confine the argument se on presentment or in payment to the transaction of the 30th July, when ity of any of the above bills, to sell | the draft for £525 was purchased by the goods. I further authorize the defendants of the plaintiff. The two docuporation or the holders of the said | ments of July 30th must be taken in conalls for the time being at any time before nection with the memorandum requiring hoir maturity to accept payment from the the letter of hypothecation as one contract, drawers or acceptors thereof it required so as constituting the terms on which the to do and on payment to deliver the said defendants purchased the draft for \$525. Bills of Lading and Shipping Documents to It is, first, a rule of construction that was said by Lord Wensleydale in Bold v. nees of a ship were not entitled to comsuch drawers or acceptors. Lastly, it is on interpreting these three papers, I am mutually agree that the delivery of the said entitled to know, and knowing, I must evidence having been admitted, I acting as where the clauses of the charter were more dollateral securities to your Corporation shall give effect to the facts and circumstances a jury, have no difficulty in finding stringent; he should not expect it himself. - Messrs Currie, Lee, Northcote, and not prejudice your rights on said Bill in which the parties knew and under which according to it? Can I adopt my own Mr Johnson then addressed the Court Hozier stay at the Hôtel de Londres, in pases of dishonour, nor shall any recourse they acted. Now, it was a fact that the reasoning on the contract? Am I not for the defence. He relied upon a case in the Piszza di Spagna. In the evening aken thereon affect the title of the Corpo- plaintiff offered the draft for £525 on bound by the mercantile construction? Exchequer Reports of a similar nature, Lord Salisbury, with his family and Messrs ration to said securities to the extent of my security of the letter of credit, and it was documents should be given with the draft The defendants having, as I have stated, and agent. "What a defendant says by commission on the term "Inwards and out. English Ambassador to the Italian Ministry QUICKSILVER, 701 a 71 accept and this letter of hypothecation duly de Co. on their acceptance of the draft. ceived the value in account with the Bank | their possession by the plaintiff, but as a There was a similar transaction (but | condition of their advancing the amount whether or not through a broker does not to the plaintiff they required something appear) upon a draft by the plaintiff on more, the letter of hypothecation which Thurm & Company for £380, which | the plaintiff signed, and thereupon he rethe defendant cashed here, indersed notice | ceived the value in dellars. Must I not of the draft on the letter of credit and took presume that the object of the defendants written agreement, the meaning of which would not have been entitled to any com- Berlin and Vienna has been followed with the letter of hypothecation to the rights here duly transmitted the two drafts | already offered; and not to weaken or merely to vary their security? It is, secondly, a rule of construction that you must not accept the intention of the parties to an instrument as its interpretation, but you may use it as a key in case of ambiguous or contradictory language, and in explaining the ambiguity. This principle i more amply stated in Addison on Contracts. p. 918. 6th Edition, and cases there cited If, therefore, this intention can be so spelt out of the two documents as their meaning. as that both can be sustained, must it not be done in other words -must the construction be as near as possible to the mind and apparent intent of the parties? Verba intentionen debent inservare, 2 Black. Com. p. 379, and see Solly v. Forbes, 2 B. and B. 38, at 48-49. But, thirdly, even without this key, another rule of construction, at least as old as the time of Lord Ooke, applies-Benique facienda sunt inte pretationes chartærum (the cases apply this rule as well to con-The defendants filed an answer to the tract not under seal as to deeds) Blai stiff's Bill. The question raised res magis valeat quam perveat, see Addison between the Parties in the Pleadings on Contracts, 920. Now construing these is as follows: The plaintiff says "In documents, which form one contract delivering the said shipping documents benique, I find that under the letter of credit a course is marked out for the defendants which they precisely pursued and on which they, as of course, could inforce payment against the plaintiff if there ad been no other documents than that Can we read the letter of hypothecation so as to be consistent with this absolute right on the defendants! I remark that the first clause of the letter of hypothedation permissive, and in it is inserted a declaration that the authorisation is not to be held as imperative or obligatory on the defendants, and this neation of obligation imported by implication in each subsequent authorisation. Must I not read the last clause in the letter of hypothecation as

which the last clause prevails. This rule

of construction is also as old as Lord Coke's

time, see Furnival & Coombe, 5 M. G. 735,

and Chitty on Contracts; p. 88, Edition,

1857. See also Sir James Mansfield in Doe

and Biggs, 2 Taunton, 118. Even if the

lettle of credit and letter of hypothecation

were contradictory, must not the terms of

the letter of credit prevail if the case stood

on the construction merely to be put on

the contract as a whole only? But this

case has an aspect of an opposite character

whichtI must now consider, an sapect that

looks entirely the other way. At the trial

at the time to refuse to receive such \$1,000.—The plaintiffs in this case are opportunity for conferring on Nov. 26, fall due without issuing any debenture stock testimony, nor do I now. At all events. its reception at the trial was not objected ants the Captain and owners of the Amerito: I must therefore accept this testimony as admissible to explain the effect of the alleged differences between the two documents and memorandum constituting one contract. If so this evidence entirely as consignees of the inward voyage to overrides the tendency of the construction recover commission on the outward voyage to which I have pointed. It is all in one of the ship. The Mount Lebanon was, allowing itself to be biassed by any feel- the company, the directors intend to make direction. Mr Nelson would read these chartered in Hamburg for £1,600 to Hongtwo documents as meaning that he would not have been at liberty if he had taken to the charterers in Hamburgh and 25 per Government, starting from the supposition mentioned the decision to pay no more both to hand over the shipping documents cent. to the consignees at Hongkong. There that the purpose of Russia is as honest and bonuses or dividends out of the insurance to the drawer on acceptance; he would feel was also a clause in the charter party that disinterested as its own, seems ready to go reserves. The gains and losses of insurance that he had taken the risk until he had got Captain Perkins was to give preference to to the utmost limits in the concessions, are to be merged in the general reserve confirmation from the drawer. Mr Jack- the plaintiffs if he took business outward affording thus every means to the Russian account, out of which a dividend is to be son said that he was clearly of opinion that at Hongkong, i.e. if Messrs Pustau & Co. Government of satisfying the exigencies of paid only "when the balance at its credit the buyer of a bill under these two docu- could give him business as good as any its own internal position, and enabling it amounts to more than 400,000%, and when ments must elect either to stand solely on other firm could offer, the Captain to withdraw from the advacced position also the value of the fleet is written down the acceptance or on the goods, and that if was to give them the preference. It has taken up. Lord Salisbury could in lower than it stands at present. A charge he had given up the goods to the acceptor During . the wage of the ship from his turn convince himself that the same of 300,000%, is made for depreciation and as the price of his acceptance he would have | Hamburgh to Hongkong, the owners released the drawer, and, as a dealer in in New York chartered the ship to load at perhaps, not quite the same confidence in more than last year, and allows the 200,000%. this class of securities, he believed this to | Hollo for Boston, and telegraphed to the | the efficacy of this policy of avoiding a colli- to be written off as stated. In speaking of be the accepted practice on such documents. Captain to that effect. On arrival in sion by going out of the way of it. Here, the general results of the year's trade, the He added that the time for the banker who | Hongkong, Captain Perkins received this has bought such bill to elect is when he telegram and notified Messrs Pustau & Co., presents the draft for acceptance, and he that they should not take any outward then elects to do so or not. Mr Sandeman | business for her, as she had been chartered | and that, above all, the occupation of Bul- | that of 1874. No less than 23,000% of this said that if, having the letter of credit, he at home. They therefore claimed commis- garis in one or another form has now loss is to be accounted for by depreciated had required and had obtained the letter sion on the probable business they could become almost a sort of political and exchanges. Freights have also been much of hypothecation in addition, and, if he had have obt ined for her, had they been given up the goods to the acceptor as the allowed the opportunity to do so, claiming | which no concession in another direction | ever been since the Suez Canal was opened. price of his acceptance of the bill, he would that they had had no preference shewn will make her recede; while, however have given up his recourse to the drawer. them, as the business of the ship had been limited by all sorts of clauses such an in its passenger traffic, which the directors Like evidence was admitted by Lord Ellen- | transacted without consulting them. borough in Vallance v. Dewar, 1 Cam, N. P. C., at p. 504. See also Smith v. G. Morris, a ship broker, were called for according to the usages and custom of Germany, and was always construed here more positively than ever before by Russia Jackson alone was cross-examined for the voyage was entitled to commission on the mistaken, since Lord Salisbury's departure nistration, and 139,464l, for Suez Canal defendants, and, on being pressed, Mr outward business under the circumstances from England. Although often before Jackson mentioned an instance in which of this case. That of the latter was as an touched upon and brought forward as an his bank, having the option, had declined expert that such was the usual construction goods as its only security. After the examination of these witnesses was ended the defence. He testified that he effected Syrian precedent, in which, as it may be however, given in detail—places it now at there was an adjournment until the next | the charter in Hamburg himself; that in remembered, the occupation was the first | 3,518,7174., against 3,496,000% at the end of persons in the banks, but not one of them | outwards to charterers' correspondents," oc- | noon of Nov. 26 for Italy, and after one was called for the defendants, although one ourted. That he objected to this clause day's well-earned rest in Florence, where of them is Mr Kerr, the manager of the as he wished to be free in Hongkong, and he saw many private friends, including Sir depreciation, defendant's bank here, who was not the the memo, of charter was accordingly alter- Drummond Wolff, but no political permanager in charge here at the time of these | ed, he agreeing to pay a commission of 21 | sonages, proceeded on his journey to Rome, transactions. There were also very many per cent. as a consideration for remaining where he arrived at half-past four on the bill brokers to whom the accepted construct free. That this 21 per cent. he had paid. afternoon of Nov. 29. He was welcomed tion of documents like those on such transd This did not appear in the first memo, of at the station by Sir Augustus Paget and actions must have been familiar; but the charter but was inserted when the condi- Mr Mallet, of the British Embassy. There defendants called no one to contradict or tions of consignment were changed. vary the mercantile construction thus put | Mr Nicaise, Manager of the Borneo and much curiosity was manifested to catch on the documents. Ought I not there- Company, was also examined. He proved fore to say, adopting the purport of what | that in his experience, the inward consig- | Lord Salisbury, after receiving a packet of Rayner, 1 M. and W. 347 the mercantile mission on charters effected at home, even The evidence having been received, am I where a ship "consigned inwards and out. Currie and Lee, were to dine with the consistent with that letter that the shipping not bound to find in accordance with it? wards" at San Francisco was chartered while English Ambassador; and on Nov. 30-he See Bold v. Rayner 1 M. and W. 347. on the voyage from the United Kingdom to | was to have interviews with the Foreign by the plaintiff to the defendants, to be by But we have the defendants' own admission that port, to load home at a port in Mexico. Minister and the King, and in the evening Camphon, 191 a 20 them presented and handed to Im Thurm against themselves by their chief manager The Consignees at San Francisco claimed a would assist at a banquet given by the SALTPETRE, The defendants then so held the draft himself or his duly constituted agent is wards" on the homeward voyage of the and other distinguished personages. Acdrawn and signed by the plaintiff, and always evidence against him, although the ship. The Barons ded ed in favour of the cording to a Paris evening paper, it was the bill of lading which had been put into question may have arisen out of a written defendants and held that the ship was not on the express invitation of Victor Emagreement." Newball v. Holt, 6 M. and liable to a commission, not having accepted | manuel that Lord Salisbury went to Rome W. 662 and 664; and again at p. 669 it is | business in San Francisco. laid down that a party's own statements | Mr Brerston replied on behalf of the | Ancona, as it is said he at first intended. are in all cases admissible against himself. plaintiffs that the case quoted was not in | The correspondent of the Daily Tele-It seems to me that they are especially point; that if the ship had gone away graph states that at St. Petersburg the admissible in putting a construction on his seeking or in ballast, the inward consignee reception of the Marquis of Salisbury at was to strengthen and increase their secu- appears to be ambiguous, but the meaning mission, but that having accepted business great interest. "It is semi-officially stated rity by adding the rights given to them by of which he must be taken to have known. without giving the consignees the opportant the conversation which his lordship Now. I have already stated the defendants' admission in the correspondence in which her, the clause as to preference had Bismarck and Count Andressy will probably they asked for payment of the amount of not been complied with. He cited the case have convinced him that the intimate the two bills from plaintiff's agent in Ham- of the H. K. C. & M. S. N. Company v. relations between the three Imperial Courts burg. The letter quoted is dated the 28th Tekli heard before Judge Ball some years remain unchanged, and that the reserve Discount of April, 1875. It contains these words, ago, in which the ship went to Whampon which has hitherto restrained Russia from "the bills of lading having been hypothe- and then returned, the Captain claiming taking extreme steps, to which she has been cated against payments of the drafts, a that a new voyage had commenced, and in provoked on several occasions during the reference to Hongkong for confirmation of this case judgment was given for the plain- development of the Eastern question, is to our act in giving up the cover on acceptance | tiff. Mr Brereton considered that the new | be attributed to the consideration here felt became necessary." The plaintiff could terms were more favourable to the con- to be due to the Emperors of Germany and not have stated the construction of the signees than the old terms Capt. Perkins agreement, and that the action of the rejected, and the term "preference to be occupation of Bulgaria as her principal defendants was unjustifiable under that given" was more stringent than that of construction more clearly. The defendants inwards and outwards." add "and was, we believe, promptly obtained." This last statement was in error, but it confirms the idea that the defendants thought confirmation necessary. and that they relied on such a confirmation. which, not having been obtained, did not exist. It is a rule of law that what a defendant asserts against himself, what ho believes against himself, the Court will accept and believe. I am clearly of opinion that both the plaintiff's evidence, and the defendants' own distinct admission; abs lutely affirm the plaintiff's claim. The of the inglish Embassy, where he took up form the basis of the demands which judgment of the Court must be for the sum claimed, with interest to be assessed by the to the splendid new Hotel Imperial, until Conference, and for this purpose corre-Registrar in case the parties differ. I very recently the palace of the Duke of Wurmuch regret that the offer of reference to temberg. At two o'clock, on Nov. 25, the Russian representative. Should the arbitration, made in terms both proper Lord Salisbury paid a visit to Count and honorable by the agents in Hamburg | Andrassy, remaining with him until ha for reported, every proposal to grant autonomy. of the plaintiff, was not accepted-was past five. Indeed, the English Ambassador to the insurgent provinces, the Porte would even ignored by the defendants. To my was detained so long by the Austrian merely attend the Conference for the purmind the loss by Im Thurm & Co. was Premier, that the former was late at the pose of protesting against every point a misfortune which, if it could be avoided, Imperial dinner table. In the course of a proposed for discussion. The semi-official ought not to have been aggravated by heavy long conversation Count Andressy gave statement says in conclusion that Russia law costs. It was eminently a case for mu- assurances of active sympathy for England, has taken up her position with regard to all tual concession—division of the loss—or for with whom Austria was associated by so similar protests or evasions on the part of a friendly reference as a mere commercial many common ties. Previous to his inter- the Porte." question to commercial men. One of the view with the Austrian Chancellor, the evils in ident to large companies is that Marquis of Salisbury had a long conference holders to enforce hard legal rights; they Ambassador at the Austrian Courts feel, perhaps rightly, that they have no At six the Emperor effectained at Burge right to compromise even in especially hard the Imperial Palace, a party of twenty-two sular and Oriental Steam Navigation Comunder the letter of credit? But, fourthly mpossibly it is their duty-to obtain a dry no ladies therefore present. The guests Just been circulated. It is accompanied for let it be assumed that the letter of credit and the letter of hypothecation are so satisfaction to their shareholders. The bers of the British Embassy, and those of the year's accounts than it has been customtotally repugnant that they cannot stand together, is the whole to fail ! And, if fendants. It has been my rule to endeavour request, in plain evening dre s | a few respects presents improvements upon former not, which is to prevail! In 2 Black. to turn the light of law upon doubts. I Austri n dignitaries alone being in uniform. reports. Com. p. 380-387, of Kerr's Edition, 1857, have, as an exception, considered this case The dinner was of a friendly, sociable I read that it is a rule that in a contract the first shall be received and the latter be

tutes of interpretation are to the scholar. Mr Russell, instructed by Messes Sharp, avidence was adduced for the plaintiff; three Taller and Johnson, appeared for the plainwitnesses were examined, managers of three tiff, and Mr Handley, instructed by Mr important joint stock banks in this Colony, Broreton, appeared for the defendants.

merchants in this Colony, and the defendcan ship Mount Lebanon. Mr Brereton appeared for the plaintiffs. and Mr Johnson for the defendants.

This was a claim brought by the plaintiffs

Mr J. Lembke, a merchant, and Mr A.

tunity of endeavouring to obtain it for has had in those capitals with Prince

In the end his Lordship reserved judgment till to-morrow at 10 a.m.

> THE EASTERN QUESTION. LORD BALISBURY'S MISSION.

Lord Salisbury left Berlin by special train on Nov. 24, and after a long journey through snow-covered districts arrived in but, if not, Russia, in order to attain the Vicena late the same evening.

was received by Mr Robert Percy Ffreuch. his quarters, while his secretaries repaired directors feel bound in duty to their share- with Bir Andrew Buchanan, the English

construction which I learnt in my youthful of every Diplomatic Corps in Vienna. occasion, to principles, the knowledge and displayed to be introduced to the Eng-

Pustau & Co. v. Perkins and others, Salisbury and Count Andressy had another | pay off debentures to that amount as they till 12,30 P.M.

opinion and suggestion; it is now, I hear, first brought forward as part of the Russian

was a small crowd at the railway station, a glimpse of the Ambassador Extraordinary. papers and telegrams from Sir Augustus Paget, proceeded with his family to the Hôtel de l'Allemagne. His four secretaries linstead of meeting Signor Melegari at

Austria. Russia will not put forward the demand at the Conference, but her representative will positively declare that the projected Turkish Constitution cannot be discussed, that the autonomy of the provinces must be guaranteed, and that an occupation appears to be the best means of rendering such guarantee efficacious. Should the other Powers be willing to participate in this occupation, Russia would even now pre'er such a solution; objects sanctioned by the Berlin Mem-His Excellency, together with his family, orandum, must carry out this measure single-handed. These general principles will General Ignatieff will put forward at the sponding liberty of action has been left to Grand Council of Turkey reject, as is

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL

COMPANY The report of the directors of the Penins cases. The defendants have a legal right at dinner, the Empress being absent, and pany for the year ended Sept. 30 last has Nov. 25, Glenroy (str.), from London to legal decision. They must pay for that consisted of Austrian Ministers, the mem- the first time by a much fuller synopsis of plaint if must have his costs from the det the special mission, all these attending, by ary to give hitherto, and in several other

The net profits of the year amount to under two aspects, one in which it might, character, and afterwards Lord Salisbury 104,6391, including 8,8011, brought forward, but for the evidence, have been considered, visited the opers, where "L'Etoile du which allows the payment of a dividend of 2 as well as the aspect on which the evidence Nord" was performed. Later in the even- per cent., in addition to the interim 14 per decides the case. I have, as an exception, ing there was a reception at the English cent, paid in June, leaving 3,169% to be here rather turned the darkness of doubt subassy, the splendid rooms of which carried to next year's account. The directors on the law. On the mere interpretation of were fully lighted up for the first complain of the rigour with which the Post these documents I have recalled rules of time and crowded with representatives Office enforces the fines which the mail contract empowers it to levy for delays. days of law pupilage, decades of years ago. Lord Salisbury was surrounded all the These fines have amounted to less this year hteo memenisse juvat. I could not resist evening by diplomations eager to inoul: than they did in 1870, but still take over recurring, although not necessary on this cate their views. Much eagerness was 6,400% from the amount due under the contract. It appears that the Post Office due application of which are frequently as lish Ambassador Extraordinary. Count sticks to its bond, however, notwithstanding necessary to the lawyer as kindred insti- Andressy was not present at the dinner or complaints and remonstrances. In their last the reception, on account of his being in half-yearly report the directors stated that mourning for the recent death of the Count | they hoped to pay off 200,0001, debentures during the present year; and though they Besides the conference of three hours heve not succeeded in doing so as yet, they at the Foreign Office on Nov. 25, Lord say that, practically, they will be able to

when Count Andrassy called at the British against them. They manage this by taking Embassy at 11 A.M., and remained there | the 200,000% raised lately on the new shares for improving the fleet, and charging the The general impression derived from cost of such improvements to revenue, and Lord Salisbury's presence here, says the in this show their desire to improve the Vienna correspondent of the Times, is position of the company according to the decidedly pacific. So far from there being | wishes of a large section of the shareholders. any danger of the British Government Besides this reduction of the gross debt of ing of suspicion and distrust in Russia's other arrangements calculated to improve its kong; a commission of 5 per cent. was paid secret and ulterior designs, the British financial position, among which may be disposition exists here likewise, although, insurance in these accounts, which is 30,000/ not less than in Berlin, the conviction has directors say that the gross revenue is less been growing more and more that matters | this syear by 53,000%, than that of 1875. have gone too far to be stopped so easily, which in its turn was less by 87,3281, than military point of honour for Russia, for lower in the China trade than they have The Company has, however, suffered specially occupation might be, neither the influence attribute to the fact that fewer passengers of England nor the moral authority of all have been travelling and to greater competithe Guaranteeing Powers would induce I tion for those that have been. Turning to Wilson, 3 B. Ad. at p. 733 and at p. 734. the plaintiffs. The evidence of the first Turkey to acquiesce. It seems rather the accounts themselves we find that the came to 1,168,761% in the year, exclusive of dues, besides, sundry minor charges. The gross income was 2,047,780%, including balance brought down, and of that total 1,606,165% is due to ordinary traffic receipts. Captain Perkins was then examined for programme, which is entirely based on the The valuation of the fleet-which is not 1875. This slight increase is due to additions made to the fleet during the year amounting to 240,244l., against which 217,507l. has been written off on account of sales and The average value of the three new yessels added is about 80,000%, and the average value of the entire fiset is a little over 73,000% each. The two old steamers sold—the Malta and Ellora realised together 17,507%. The reserve fund now stands at 436,631%.

Quotations.

HOMEKONG, Jan. 12, 1877. OPIUM,-New Patna, cash...\$580 credit, 5824 New Benares, cash, 550 aredit, 552 New Malwa, cash, 555 credit, 560 Allowance Taels, 28 a 40 Old Malwa, cash, 570 credit, 575 Allowance Taels, 82 a 40 ... 5.20 a 5.70

<u> </u>	Exchange.
٠	Bank, on demand, 4/3
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t	6 months' sight, 4/32
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-	Bocumentary, 6 months' sight, 4/41
В	Bombay, 230
	Calcuttae 230
4	Shanghai, demand, 75
	30 days', 764
p e	Bar Silver, 17, dwts. B., 71
8	Mexicans, par
ÿ	Gold Leaf, 24.15
0	English Sovereigns, 4.62
B.	Australian Sovereigns, 4.62
A	10.00

Shares.

Hongkong Bank, 29-H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$575 China Fire Ins. Co., \$174 China Traders' Ins. Co., \$1700 Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$650 Chinese Insurance Co., \$200 North China Ins. Co., Tis. 875 Yangtage Ins. Association, Tis. 680 H.K. & W. Dock Co., 45 dis. H.K. O. & M. B.-boat Co., \$10 dis. Shanghei Steam N. Co., Th. 95 Hongkong Rotel Co., \$522 dis. Chinese Imperial Loan, £99

- Temporature. (Taken at Messra Falsoner & Co.'s Fremises. Queen's Road HONGKONG, Jan. 12, 1877. Вавометев- 9 а.м... 80.416. 1 P.M. ... 4 P.M ... THERMOMETER-9 A.M.... 1 P.M. ... 4 P.M. ... Do. (Wet bulb) 9 A.M. Do. 1 P.M. Do. 4 P.M. Do. Maximum, ... Do. Minimum over night, 58

Shipping Intelligence. HOME SHIPPING. The following is taken from the latest

London Papers :--DEPARTURES. Nov. 21, America, from Cardiff to Hong. Nov. 23, Braemar Castle (str.), from London to Shanghai.

Nov. 28, Achilles (str.), from Liverpool to bhanghai. Nov. 28, Western Chief, from London to Hougkong

Nov. 28, Madura, from Cardiff to Hongs Nov. 28, Hannah Law, from Cardiff Nov. 28, New Mra, from Cardiff to Hong

LOADING FOR OHINA AND JAPAN PORTS. At London. -Steamers via Sues Canal Benarty. Galley of Lorne. Cairnamuir. Macgregor Cyphrenes. Sailing Vessels.

Albert Viotor C. R. Bishop, Chinaman. At Liverpool. Steptor (str.) Ulyanes (atr. Patroclus (sut.)

Loudoun Castle (str.)

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1600 1600

270 220

Cabbage, Macao,

Carrots, Salt

Cauliflower,

Carrots, Fresh

Celery, Chinese,

English,

Winter course

English,

Green

English,

new, Macao,

Fruits.

Californian,

.. bunch

Shanghai

Mails.

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-THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUGHING AT YOROHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer CITY OF TOKIO, will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on MONDAY, the 15th January, 1877, at 3 r.m., taking Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading are issued for transportation to Yekohama' and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, and to New York and Europe VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS.

A Steamer of the Mitsu Bishi S. S. Company will leave Shanghai, via the Inland Sea Ports, about same date, and make close connection at Yokohama.

At New York, Passengers have selection of various lines of Steamers, to England, France and Germany.

Breight will be received on board until 4 p.m. 14th Proximo. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same e toquirea

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 16, Praya Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent. Hongkong, December 15, 1876.



STEAM FOR Bingapore, Penang, Point de Galle, Aden, Buez, Malta, Brindisi, Ancons, Venice, Mediterranean Ports, Southampton and London;

Bombay, Madras, Calcutta and Australia.

THE PENISULAR AND OBIENTAL STRAN NAVIGATION COMPANT'S Steam-ship GEELONG, Captain FRASER, will; leave this on THURSDAY, the 18th January, at Noon.

For further Particulars, apply to ___ A. MoIVER, Superintendent. Hongkong, January 6, 1877.

Occidental & Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE, THE RELW KOITORKKOD CENTRAL

UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING RAILROAD COMPANIES

ATLANTIO STEAMERS.

FITHE S. S. "GAELIO," will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on THURSDAY, the 1st February, at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for Japan, the United States and Europe. Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of 31st Instant. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day: all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Return Passage Tickets available for 6 months are issued at a reduction of 20 per cent. on regular rates.

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Hongkong, January 2, 1877.

To Let.

TO LET. TYOUSE No. 7, Caine Road, lately occupled by Mr PARKER.

House No. 10, Albany Road, at presen occupied by the Rev. R. H. Kinp. DAVID SASSOON, SOMS & Co. Hongkong, January 10, 1877.

TO BE LET. THE Premises at present occupied by the International Ice Manufacturing Co.,

For particulars, apply to MEYER & Co. Hongkong, December 11, 1876.

FIRE Dwelling House No. 4, Alexandra The Burgalows Nos. 1 and 8, Old Bailey The upper portion of Nos. 42 and 44, Queen's Road

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insurances.

THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSURANCE CO.

MHE Undersigned having been appointed Agent, in Hongkong, for the abovenamed Company, is prepared to grant Policies against Fire, on Buildings and on Goods to the extent of £10,000, at the usual rates, subject to an immediate dis-

count of 20 %. Attention is invited to a considerable reduction in Premia for Life Insurance in

Life Policies effected during the year 1875, share in the Bonus to be declared 31st December for the quinquennial period then ending. A. MACG. HEATON.

Hongkong, September 27, 1875.

THE OHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE-HONGKONG.

GENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Salgon and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the sates of Premium current at the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES. JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,

Secretary. Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

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(FIRE AND LIFE.) CAPITAL -TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

FITHE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Coals in Matsheds, on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions, Proposals for Life Assurances will be re-

coived, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision. If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co. Agents Hongkong & Canton. Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY. TiHE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

> MELOHERS & Co., Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE. INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER

His Majerty King corge The Birst,

A. D. 1720, THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:-

Marine Department. Policies at current rates payable either here, in London or at the principal Porta of India, China and Australia.

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Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000 on reasonable terms. HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

TIHE Undersigned Agents are in receipt of instructions from the Board of Directors authorizing them to issue Policies to the extent of £10,000 on any one first class risk, or to the extent of £15,000 on adjoining risks at current rates,

A Discount of 20% allowed. HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co. Hongkong, January 8, 1875,

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POLICIES granted at surrent rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World. in accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two Thirds of the Profits are distributed annually to Contributors, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the nett amount of Premis contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

OLYPHANT & Co... General Agents. Hongtong, April 17, 1879.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

therein, at current local rates, subject to a Discount of 20% on the Premia.

NORTON & Co. Agenta Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

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Hongrong, October 14, 1868.

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Incorporated by Royal Charter and Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809. CAPITAL \$2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, AGENTS at Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent of £10,000 on any Building, or Merchandise in the same, at the usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20 Der cent

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